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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Request for Data and Information on Technologies Used for Identifying Potential Developmental Toxicants

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Toxicology Program (NTP) Interagency Center for the Evaluation of Alternative Toxicological Methods (NICEATM) requests available data and information on approaches and/or technologies currently used for identifying potential developmental toxicants. Submitted information will be used to assess the state of the science and determine technical needs for non-animal test methods used to evaluate the potential of chemicals to induce adverse effects in offspring.

DATES: Receipt of information:

Deadline for receipt of information is June 15, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Data and information should be submitted electronically to niceatm@niehs.nih.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Nicole Kleinstreuer, Deputy Director, NICEATM; email: nicole.kleinstreuer@nih.gov; telephone: (984) 287-3150.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: NICEATM fosters the evaluation and promotion of alternative test methods for regulatory use and supports efforts to develop, validate, and implement alternative approaches for identifying potential developmental toxicants that replace, reduce, or refine animal use. Testing a chemical's potential to cause developmental

toxicity is required by multiple federal agencies for regulatory and other decision contexts, and can use large numbers of animals.

Request for Information: NICEATM requests available data and information on approaches and/or technologies currently used to identify potential developmental toxicants. Respondents should provide information on any activities relevant to the development or validation of alternatives to in vivo developmental toxicity test methods currently used by federal agencies for regulatory and other decision contexts. NICEATM also requests available data from in vivo developmental studies, human or animal studies, or accidental human exposures, using the same chemicals used to evaluate the alternative developmental toxicity test methods.

Respondents to this request for information should include their name, affiliation (if applicable), mailing address, telephone, email, and sponsoring organization (if any) with their communications. The deadline for receipt of the requested information is June 15, 2018. Responses to this notice will be posted at: <https://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/dev-nonanimal>. Persons submitting responses will be identified on the Web page by name and affiliation or sponsoring organization, if applicable.

Responses to this request are voluntary. No proprietary, classified, confidential, or sensitive information should be included in responses. This request for information is for planning purposes only and is not a solicitation for applications or an obligation on the part of the U.S. Government to provide support for any ideas identified in response to the request. Please note that the U.S. Government will not pay for the preparation of any information submitted or for its use of that information.

Background Information on NICEATM: NICEATM conducts data analyses, workshops, independent validation studies, and other activities to assess new, revised,

and alternative test methods and strategies. NICEATM also provides support for the Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM). The ICCVAM Authorization Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 285l–3) provides authority for ICCVAM and NICEATM involvement in activities relevant to the development of alternative test methods. Information about NICEATM and ICCVAM can be found at <http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/niceatm> and <http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/iccvam>.

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